New Jersey Department of Transportation Route 50 over the Tuckahoe River Bridge Replacement Upper Township, Cape May County Corbin City, Atlantic County Public Information Center Thursday, August 13, 2015 from 4 - 7 PM

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a **Public Information Center** to inform local residents and businesses of the staging and improvements in connection with the **Route 50 Bridge over the Tuckahoe River in Upper Township, Cape May County and Corbin City, Atlantic County**. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held at the Corbin City Municipal Building on **Thursday, August 13, 2015** from **4 – 7 pm.** Please plan to attend at a time that is convenient for you. You will have an opportunity to examine design plans, ask questions and discuss issues with representatives from NJDOT. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

Background

The existing movable bridge over the Tuckahoe River is in poor condition and must be replaced. The NJDOT has coordinated the planning and timing of this project with local officials. Throughout construction of the bridge, two-way traffic for cars and emergency vehicles will be provided by using a traffic signal system that will control alternating northbound and southbound traffic on a one-lane bridge over the river. A detour for truck traffic via Route 49, Cape May Avenue (Route 666) and Cumberland Avenue (Route 637) will be used throughout the duration of the bridge construction. South of the Route 49 intersection traffic will be maintained on one lane in each direction throughout construction.

The Proposed Project

The NJDOT is proposing to reconstruct about one mile of Route 50, including replacing the existing structurally deficient movable Route 50 Bridge over the Tuckahoe River with a fixed bridge. A high rate of accidents exists at the "Five Points" intersection of Route 50 with Reading Avenue (Cape May County Route 557), Tuckahoe Mt. Pleasant Road (County Route 664) and Schoolhouse Lane. To address this, Tuckahoe - Mt. Pleasant Road will become one-way. The intersection of Marshall Avenue (County Route 669) with Route 50 will be widened to carry the alternate volume when Tuckahoe - Mt. Pleasant Road becomes one-way. Kendall Lane will also be widened for local access when Tuckahoe - Mt. Pleasant Road becomes one-way. Sidewalks and decorative lighting will be added in a portion of the project within the Village of Tuckahoe. The drawbridge tender's house will be relocated to a municipal park in Corbin City, Atlantic County.

Environmental

The NJDOT obtained Flood Hazard Area, Freshwater Wetland, Costal Wetland, CAFRA, and Waterfront Permits from the NJDEP as well as US Army Corp and US Coast Guard permits that grants permission to perform the designated construction required in the vicinity of the Tuckahoe River. Furthermore, Pinelands permits have been obtained. The NJDOT has certified that the project is in conformance with the NJDEP Storm Water Management Rules and the NJDEP Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Standards. Every effort will be made to avoid or minimize impacts to any resources that should be identified within the project limits.

Estimated Construction Schedule

Completion is expected in Spring 2017.

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